

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2005, Applicants amended claims 1, 38, 42, and 44 and canceled claims 15 and 41. Claims 1, 3-4, 16-17, 38-40, and 42-49 are presented for examination.

The Examiner objected to the specification for informalities. Applicants amended the specification to obviate this rejection, so the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner objected to claims 1, 38, and 44 due to informalities. Applicants amended claims 1, 38, and 44 to obviate this rejection, so the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant acknowledges the allowability of claims 15-17 and 41-49. In response, Applicants amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 15 and canceled claim 15. Applicants also amended claim 38 to include the limitations of claim 41 and canceled claim 41.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

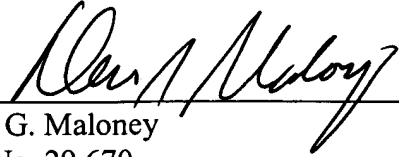
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